

REMARKS

Applicant concurrently files herewith a Request For Continued Examination (and fee).

New claims 34-36 have been added above to more completely define the present invention. Specifically, the new claims further define the "*etch relation*".

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

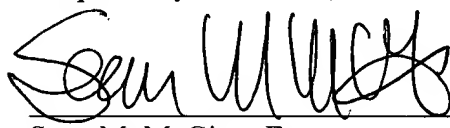
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-36, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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